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Michael Friedman, M.D., Commissioner U.S. Food & Drug Administration Dockets Management Branch, Room 1-23 12420 Parklawn Drive Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I urge your support and prompt action on the petition (docket number 98P-0151/CP1) which would classify meat from downed animals as adulterated. As you know, owners presently make more money selling live animals at slaughterhouses, no matter how ill or injured, than dead ones. This cannot be healthy for the consumers who purchase meat made from these ill animals and it unnecessarily prolongs the suffering of these animals.

By your support of the above petition, the classification of downed animals as adulterated would afford owners no incentive for keeping these helpless animals alive.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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